

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, August 11, 2005

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 11, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., at Sacred Heart Church Activity Center, Detroit, Michigan 48207.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Megan Norris
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell, II

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella Bully-Cummings
DC. Robert Dunlap
DC. Chester Logan
DC. Joyce Motley
DC. Ronald Haddad
DC. Ralph Godbee
AC. Gary Christian
AC. Walter Martin
Cmdr. Leo Powers
Cmdr. Madelyn Rakowski
Insp. William Rice
Sgt. Romel Alexander
Sgt. Shirley Joyner
Sgt. Alan Quinn
P.O. Kent Cooper
P.O. Michael Woody
P.O. Jeffery Williams
P.O. Derrick Watkins

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.

Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Inv.
Victoria Scott-Miller, Senior Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Ms. Walters

Williams Adams
Safina A. Khalid

Marvin Petty
Hildred Ruffin
Jacqueline O. Acey-Walker
India E. Walker
Mattie Goshea
Harriette Scott
Mae Varner
Denise Sinclair
Henry Dudzinski

Alberta Hubbard
Mary Homers
Chris A. Barnes
Earnest Eaves
Deborah Mabley
Samuel A. Black
Tony Chamber
Kimberly Hill
Mary Dudzinski

RECORDERS

John Schikora
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairperson Ramirez stated she wanted to give thanks to Derrick Watkins who is charge of the Law Enforcement Explorers of the Seventh Precinct.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chairperson Ramirez stated that she had mentioned IMPACT before, a program that involves the community, law enforcement agencies and businesses. She stated how the Detroit Police Department and the Wayne County Sheriffs were assigned to a basketball tournament that features young men and women. She stated that she is proud to say that everyone did a find job. The winners of Saturday championship game are from our finest, the Detroit Police Department. Those officers are Marc Thompson, Kenneth Page, Juan Windham from the Second Precinct and the youths were Dewayne Brown, Justin Reyes, Nate Ramirez, Jennifer Smith and DeAndre Hill.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, August 4, 2005

MOTION: **Chairperson Ramirez** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Norris seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Holley read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS**

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	25	924
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	60	1039

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 15 cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 0 cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned 2 cases to OCI.

5. **REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE**

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

**REPORT TO THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

Vision Statement

BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

THE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND CONSPIRACY UNITS

During the period of August 1st – August 7th, the Narcotics Enforcement and Conspiracy Units conducted 51 search warrants and 30 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 38 Felony arrests
 - ◆ 137 Misdemeanor arrests
 - ◆ 2,757.8 Grams of cocaine, 41.3 grams of heroin, 26,156.8 grams of marijuana and 488 pills - street value \$1,286,967.00
 - ◆ \$185,532.00 U.S. currency
- Confiscated:
- ◆ 24 Hand guns
 - ◆ 2 Vehicles

HOMICIDE SECTION

On August 6th, officers from the Homicide Section responded to the 20000 block of Strasburg on a “One Down” run. An investigation revealed that two (2) men drove to this location and picked up a third man who sat in the rear passenger seat behind the driver. Once the vehicle was in motion the third man shot the driver in the head and ordered the second man to drive. The two (2) men dumped the body at Edsel Ford and Casino. Once the body was dumped the armed man then drove to another location and shot and killed a second person critically wounding a third. [As a result of an investigation the man was arrested without incident for “Premeditated Murder”, “Felony Assault”, “Felon in Possession of a Firearm” and “Felony Firearm.”](#)

THE FUGITIVE APPREHENSION SERVICES TEAM

On August 2nd, officers from the Fugitive Apprehension Team (F.A.S.T.) responded to the 1500 block of military to execute an arrest warrant on a man wanted for “Carrying Concealed Weapon – Person.” [F.A.S.T. setup stationary surveillance on the home and after a brief foot chase the man was arrested without further incident.](#)

[Confiscated was one \(1\) AK-47 Assault Rifle, one \(1\) .357 Magnum and Narcotic Paraphernalia.](#)



Police/Community Intervention

TAKING THE GUNS OFF THE STREET!



Total Guns Confiscated
Year-To-Date
2,322

SECOND PRECINCT

On August 1st, officers of the 2nd Precinct, while on patrol in the area of Greenfield and Kendall, observed a man attempting to break into a business. As a result of an investigation one (1) man was arrested without incident for "Breaking and Entering - Business." Further investigation revealed that the man was responsible for ten (10) other "Break-Ins", a "Home Invasion II", a "Breaking and Entering – Business" in Dearborn and numerous "Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile."

FIFTH PRECINCT

On July 30th, officers of the 5th Precinct responded to the 11000 block of E. Warren on a "Breaking and Entering – in Progress" run. Officers setup stationary surveillance and observed a man walking around pretending to pick up garbage and looking around the area, at which point he then crawled under a security gate and entered a store. Subsequent to an investigation one (1) man was arrested for "Breaking and Entering - Business" and "Habitual 3rd Offense."

EIGHTH PRECINCT

On August 5th, officers of the 8th Precinct, while on patrol in the area of Ferguson and Fargo, observed a vehicle blockading a moving lane of traffic. The officers affected a traffic stop and subsequent to an investigation one (1) man was arrested for "Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle" and "Violation of Controlled Substance Act." Confiscated were five (5) tubes of marijuana, and one (1) red Chevrolet Malibu.

TWELFTH PRECINCT

On August 6th, officers of the 12th Precinct responded to the 5000 block of W. Outer Dr. on an "Armed Robbery Just Happened" run. An investigation revealed that while a couple was returning home, three (3) men walked up to their car pointing weapons and demanding their money. Subsequent to an investigation three (3) men were arrested

without incident for "Robbery / Armed – Citizen" and "Felony Firearm." Confiscated were three (3) handguns and numerous personal effects belonging to the couple.

THIRTEENTH PRECINCT

On August 5th, officers of the 13th Precinct responded to 80 Seward on a "Man with a Gun" run. An investigation revealed that a man who lived in the building kicked in the door to gain entry into the home, produced a handgun and threatened the lives of the homeowner. Subsequent to an investigation one (1) man was arrested for "Home Invasion I", "Felon in possession", "Felonious Assault" and "Felony Firearm."

Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings

6. RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING

MRS. FRANCES S. HOWZE

WHEREAS Mrs. Frances S. Howze is a resident and community leader in the city of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Mrs. Howze is the Executive Director of the Messiah Housing Corporation. The primary focus of this organization is to provide affordable, quality housing to families in need. Under the direction of Ms. Howze, the corporation is currently developing a housing project that will specifically target 40,000 grandparents in and around the city of Detroit who are raising grandchildren and assist them in securing affordable housing; and

WHEREAS Mrs. Howze is instrumental in organizing several community events and activities such as, community health fairs, block parties and town hall meetings; and

WHEREAS Mrs. Howze, in addition to all the aforementioned activities, finds time to volunteer as a member of her neighborhood's Tenants Community Council and Neighborhood Watch, where she participates in the C.B. Patrol,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the generous spirit of Mrs. Howze. Her unselfishness and dedication to improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mrs. Frances S. Howze.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Megan P. Norris
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
JULY 14, 2005**

/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
Commissioner

Chairperson Ramirez asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution honoring Frances S. Howze.

MOTION: **Comm. Norris** made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

F. Howze stated that she wanted to give thanks to the Seventh Precinct, especially Commander Rakowski. She stated she had some experiences and they have not always been pleasant. But the Seventh Precinct and its officers have always come through for her. She stated we need to find a way to keep the officers on the street.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated to Ms. Howze "this is what happens when you are so good in the community". She stated that Commander Rakowski and her officers recommended her for this Certificate of Recognition from the Detroit Police Department. She stated "I want to present this to you on behalf of all of your involvement". She stated she read the resolution and probably the greatest thing someone can do is help other people have a roof over their heads. You have my utmost regard for the work that you do.

F. Howze stated that she grew up on Canton Street and has been away from the community for twenty years. So, when I talk to suburbanites and they ask why you moved back to Detroit. I tell them "there are a lot of positive things that are happening in Detroit. She stated I am not running for office but my experiences with the officers have been wonderful and I can't praise them enough.

DC Godbee stated to Ms. Howze we have the Spirit of Detroit Award from the City of Detroit and signed by all the members of Detroit City Council.

RESOLUTION HONORING

Commander Donald C. Parshall

WHEREAS Commander Donald Parshall retired from the Detroit Police Department on July 5, 2005, after thirty-six (36) years of distinguished, dedicated and exemplary service to the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Donald Parshall was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on February 17, 1969 and assigned to the Fifteenth Precinct upon graduation from the Metropolitan Police Academy. Police Officer Parshall also served at the Scientific Division, and the Tenth Precinct Criminal Investigation Section of the Narcotics Enforcement Division; and

WHEREAS On May 9, 1974, Officer Parshall was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and continued at the Central Criminal Investigation Section, until his transfer to the First Precinct; and

WHEREAS On December 20, 1977, Sergeant Parshall was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to the First Precinct, where he served an additional eight and a half years until his transfer to the Homicide Section. He also served at the Eleventh and Thirteenth Precincts in the Investigative Operations Section, and the Conspiracy Intelligence Section; and

WHEREAS Lieutenant Parshall was appointed to the rank of Inspector on July 17, 1998, and continued serving at the Conspiracy Intelligence Section of the Narcotics Bureau; and

WHEREAS On July 29, 2002, Inspector Parshall was promoted to the rank of Commander, and assigned to head the Internal Affairs Division. He also

served as the Commanding Officer of the Fourth and Second Precincts, where he served until his retirement; and

WHEREAS Commander Parshall received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Wayne State University and was selected to Pi Sigma Alpha (Sigma Chapter) National Political Science Honor Society. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Northwestern University Traffic Institute School of Police Staff and Command, and the Drug Unit Commander's Academy-Drug Enforcement Administration;

WHEREAS During his illustrious career, Commander Parshall has been the recipient of numerous letters of appreciation, awards and citations, including one Departmental Medal, one Lifesaving Medal, five Meritorious Citations, four Chief's Unit Awards, three Chief Merit Awards, one Community Service Award, the 1980 GOP Commemorative Award, eleven Perfect Attendance Awards, two Academic Achievement Awards, and two Perfect Driving Awards.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledge the outstanding commitment and dedication of Commander Donald Parshall. His many contributions, professionalism and integrity merit our highest regard. May your days of retirement be filled with good health and continued success.

We salute and congratulate you, Commander Donald Parshall.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Megan P. Norris
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
JULY 14, 2005**

/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
Commissioner

Chairperson Ramirez asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution honoring Commander Donald Parshall.

MOTION: **Comm. Norris** made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION HONORING

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM BRIDGEWATER

WHEREAS William Bridgewater was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on March 31, 1975. Upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Bridgewater was assigned to the Organized Crime Unit and later to the Court Services Section; and

WHEREAS Officer Bridgewater was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on January 10, 1986, and was assigned to the Third Precinct where he worked Patrol Operations, as well as the Special Operations Unit. Sergeant Bridgewater transferred to the Thirteenth Precinct where, because of his managerial skills and amiable manner, he served as the Staff Administrator, working closely with staff personnel, shift supervisors and precinct executives in the daily operation of the precinct; and

WHEREAS On January 22, 1999, Sergeant Bridgewater was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and continued to serve at the Thirteenth Precinct, until his retirement on March 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS Lieutenant Bridgewater worked directly with community groups and businesses and developed a reputation for giving sound guidance and for finding solutions to their concerns. Due to his dedication and interpersonal skills, community relations programs at the Third and Thirteenth Precincts flourished. Not only has Lieutenant Bridgewater been a credit to the Detroit Police Department, but also to the community he served. He is widely respected as a man of honesty and integrity and is highly regarded as a true professional throughout the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS Lieutenant Bridgewater has an excellent background in crime prevention. He earned the professional designation of Certified Protection Professional, is a graduate of the Northwestern

University School of Police Staff and Command, and successfully completed the Basic and Advanced Crime Prevention Courses and the American Society for the Industrial Security Executive Protection Program; and

WHEREAS In 30 years of exemplary service to the Detroit Police Department, Lieutenant Bridgewater has been the recipient of numerous awards and letters of appreciation from various organizations and individual citizens, including one Chief's Citation, one Lifesaving Citation, one Chief's Merit Award, two Chief's Unit Awards, three Perfect Attendance Awards, one Police Community Service Award and the 1980 Government of the People Commemorative Award.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the many contributions of Lieutenant Bridgewater. His 30 years of dedicated, selfless service and commitment to the city of Detroit merits our highest regard and best wishes for continued success.

We salute and congratulate you, Lieutenant William Bridgewater.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Megan P. Norris
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

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/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
Commissioner

Chairperson Ramirez asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution honoring Lieutenant William Bridgewater.

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Norris** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION HONORING

LIEUTENANT FRANK A. HARO

WHEREAS Frank A. Haro began his career with the city of Detroit as a Police Cadet in December 1970, and served in that capacity until his appointment to the Detroit Police Department on September 8, 1970. Upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Haro began his career at the former General Services Bureau. He also served at the Fifteenth Precinct, the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, and Eastern Operations before being reassigned to the Academy in September 1977; and

WHEREAS On February 1, 1980, Officer Haro was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Seventh Precinct, where he faithfully served for fourteen years before being transferred to the Executive Protection Division; and

WHEREAS On July 6, 1995, Sergeant Haro was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to the Third Precinct, where he remained until his retirement on January 28, 2005, after thirty-four (34) years of distinguished and dedicated service; and

WHEREAS During his career, Lieutenant Haro received many awards and numerous letters of appreciation from supervisors and individual citizens, as well as two Lifesaving Citations and Medals, five Citations, four Chief's Unit Awards, one Chief's Merit Award, three Perfect Attendance Awards, one Safe Driving Award, and the 1980 Government of the People Commemorative Award.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the

loyalty and professionalism with which Lieutenant Frank A. Haro served the citizens and the department. His commitment to law enforcement and to public service has not gone unnoticed. He is widely regarded and respected throughout the law enforcement community as the consummate professional.

We salute and congratulate you, Lieutenant Frank A. Haro.

s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Megan P. Norris
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

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/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
Commissioner

Chairperson Ramirez asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution honoring Lieutenant Frank A. Haro.

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Norris** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION HONORING

Sergeant Michael D. Sheehan

WHEREAS Michael Sheehan was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on March 24, 1977 and, upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, began his career at the Seventh Precinct. Officer Sheehan also served with distinction at the Mini-Station Section, the Crime Prevention Section and the Communications Operations Section; and

WHEREAS On March 21, 1977, Officer Sheehan was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and, after completing Officers' Candidate School, was assigned to the Ninth Precinct; and

WHEREAS In recognition of his talents and skills, Sergeant Sheehan was recruited from the Ninth Precinct and transferred to the Resource Management Division on December 16, 2002, to oversee the Detainee Meals, Detainee Hygiene Kits Contracts, the mailroom and MIOSHA complaints for the Police Department. Sergeant Sheehan faithfully performed those duties until his retirement on July 22, 2005; and

WHEREAS During his 28 years of exemplary service, Sergeant Sheehan was the recipient of the 1980 GOP Commemorative Award, a Traffic Safety Award, a Spirit of Detroit Award, five Chief's Unit Awards, three Chief's Merit Awards, four Citations, one Departmental Citation, two Lifesaving Citations, a Coleman A. Young Distinguished Service Cross, as well as numerous letters of praise and appreciation from supervisors and the citizens of Detroit.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOVLED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit, and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution to Sergeant Michael D. Sheehan in appreciation for his loyalty, dedication and commitment to public service. He is highly respected and admired throughout the law enforcement community as a professional who exhibits honesty and integrity.

We salute and congratulate you, Sergeant Michael D. Sheehan.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Megan P. Norris
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

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/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
Commissioner

Chairperson Ramirez asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution honoring Sergeant Michael D. Sheehan.

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Norris** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she wanted to thank Father Norman Thomas for hosting this community meeting.

7. RESENTATION-SEVENTH PRECINCT

Chief Bully-Cummings introduced all officers that were present.

Commander Rakowski gave the following presentation:

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Comm. Norris stated this is her precinct and her Commander. She stated it was tough time when Commander Rakowski took over. She stated that Commander Rakowski has been nothing but a success for the citizens of this precinct who loves the work that you have been doing.

Commander Rakowski stated that she could not have done this without the help of the officers of the Seventh Precinct. They have really made me proud. She stated the more we do and the more I ask, the higher the bar is raised and they have step up to the challenge.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business during this meeting.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 18, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.

Police Headquarters, Room 328-A
1300 Beaubien
Detroit, MI 48226

11. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

S. Khalid stated that she is making a complaint against the Seventh Precinct. She stated she went to the First Precinct and filed a report on identity theft. The First Precinct forwarded it to the Seventh Precinct to do the follow up of the investigation. I wanted to know why the OIU of the Seventh Precinct had not done the follow up to this date. She stated she wanted the Police Commissioners to do a follow up or an investigation on this matter. She stated she wanted to be taken serious and have an answer return back to her.

Interim Chief Sheard stated that he will speak with Ms. Khalid and take a formal complaint.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that we are going to let Interim Chief Sheard look at it and we will share it with Chief Bully-Cummings later.

S. Black stated that he is a member of the downtown east citizen radio patrol and they patrol two nights per week in the neighborhood which the Commander Rakowski failed to mention.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated to Mr. Black that the radio patrols are very critical components in the entire city of Detroit. The Commander is behind you and I know she regrets that she did not mention the radio patrols. We need to have more people involved in radio patrol in the City of Detroit and we do appreciate your involvement.

Comm. Norris stated Mr. Dudzinski before you speak this is perhaps my last community meeting. My time is almost up because I have been on this commission almost five years. One of the things that I have really been proud of is that this commission unlike some of the other organizations in the city has really civilized meetings. Citizens comes and are sometimes very unhappy, sometimes voice strong disagreements with the commission or with the department. Sometime the commission and department don't

necessarily do what the citizen think we should do. We always respect the citizen rights to express that disagreement and generally the citizens have understood that we are doing or best to carry out our duties. I have never in my time on this commission seen anything as offensive as the shirts that I

see before me tonight. You probably have a legal right to wear those shirts and unlike some other places we don't haul people out just because they do something that we find offensive. But I would hope that you will not come back to these meetings until you can be respectful to the people around you and all the citizens of this city. That includes the one that you are denigrating with your bigoted shirts.

H. Dudzinski stated that those are not his words that are printed on his shirt. They are the words of a Lieutenant that were spoken back in 2001. He falsely accused me of uttering these words. I am here today because I am not getting anything from Chief Bully-Cummings. She refuses to let me know if this Lieutenant have been reprimanded or what.

T. Chamber stated that he had an incident at a gas station. He stated that he gave the attendant fifteen dollars. The attendant stated that I only gave him five dollars. I asked the attendant to call the Police. When they me like a criminal by taking me outside and telling me to place my hands on the car and kicked my legs apart. The officers did not bring out any of the witnesses to take statements.

Chairperson Ramirez asked do you have a complaint with the Office of the Chief Investigators?

T. Chamber stated yes I do.

T. Chamber stated that when I asked the officers for their identification they told me to get the f _ _ _ on or be arrested. I got in my car and backed up to the license plate number of the squad car.

Chairperson Ramirez stated I do not want to interrupt you, but you do have complaints that have been filed.

T. Chamber stated yes, but it was a year later when I got the response. The finding of those officers came as exonerated.

Chairperson Ramirez stated to Interim Chief Sheard to find out if there is any information that was missing from the complaint.

T. Chamber sated that he spoke to a Lieutenant at the Office of the Chief Investigators and he informed him to write a letter to the Board of Police Commissioners if he was not satisfied with the results.

Comm. Blackwell stated to Mr. Chamber that he appreciated him for coming to the community meeting. So many things have gone on historically in our community. For you to be locked in the gas station by the attendant is uncalled for. The fact is you are employed that you go to work and you took time to come to this meeting. These are the kind of the stereotypes that young men like you have to fight each and everyday. I appreciate you because a lot of times people will just forget about. I just want to thank you and we will look at this very vigorously and try to find out what happened. There are no police reports saying that you were aggressive or out of control. Coming here is an example to other young who are trying to live an upright life and do the right things but not be treated any kind of way because people perceive the way they may look or who they may be. So for me that is important and I am glad you came here tonight.

T. Chamber stated thank you. I appreciate you listening to me.

R. Crawford stated his wife vehicle was stolen in Indian Village which is located in the Seventh Precinct. I have talk to citizens from this community and they have advised me that there are a lot of vehicles being stolen in this area. I had a police officer ask me were I going move out of the city because of this incident. My wife took offense to this, but was able to handle the situation. There have been a hundred and fifty thousand residents that have moved out of the city. I choose to stay in the city unlike some other people I know that have left the city. The vehicle was recovered on Friday in the Eleventh Precinct on Mt. Olivet and Gilbo. I understand the issue its Friday it might take a day or two to recover. The issue I have the vehicle was in the middle of the streets. The caller who reported this told me a squad car passed by and fail to stop. We have a duty and responsibility. We take an oath to serve and protect the people of our community.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb